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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to 3 learn of the death of Peter H. Huizenga of Oak Brook, who 4 passed away on May 2, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Peter Huizenga was born in a Dutch community outside of Chicago to a family of garbage haulers in 1939; as a child during summers, he worked on a garbage truck from 2 a.m. until noon each day and learned the value of hard work, and the power of friendship, faith, and determination; after graduating from Hope College, he was a Captain in the United States Army Reserve and then attended law school at the University of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Peter Huizenga began his career practicing law at the firm of Hlustik, Huizenga, Williams and VanderWoude; in 1968, he joined his family's garbage business, which evolved into Waste Management Inc. and became a Fortune 500 company; at Waste Management, he served as a Director for 30 years, held various office roles, and helped take the company public in 1972; Waste Management was the largest waste disposal company in the world; he was also an early investor in Blockbuster Video and many other businesses; and

WHEREAS, Peter Huizenga was a philanthropist and active

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- 1 with the Big Shoulders Fund, Timothy Christian Schools, Christ
- 2 Church of Oak Brook, Trinity Christian College, Elim Christian
- 3 Services, Hope College, the Boy Scouts of America, and many
- 4 other organizations; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Peter Huizenga loved his family, his faith, and
- 6 making a difference in people's lives through philanthropy and
- business pursuits; relationships and helping others were at the
- 8 core of who he was as a person and as a businessman; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Peter Huizenga was the loving husband of 50 years
- of Heidi; the father of Betsy (Dave) Bradley, Greta Huizenga,
- 11 Peter Jr. (Abby) Huizenga, and Tim Huizenga; the grandfather of
- 12 Elizabeth, Matthew, William, and Michael Bradley, Soleil and
- Noah Huizenga Giesen, and Hally, Hope, Peter III "Tripp" and
- 14 Hannah Huizenga; and the brother of Sue Kanis, Virginia
- "Ginger" Jurries, John Charles "J.C." Huizenga, and the late
- 16 Elizabeth "B.J." Buntrock; therefore, be it
- 17 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
- ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of
- 19 Peter H. Huizenga and extend our sincere condolences to his
- 20 family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it
- 21 further
- 22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Peter H. Huizenga as an expression

of our deepest sympathy.